NEWSLETTER OF THE
PIKES PEAK
GAY COMMUNITY CENTER

Community Is The Key Word

March Calendar

March 8th - Golden Crown Award Show at the Hide & Seek, 10:30 p.m.
12th - Dignity Mass with Fr. Bill, 7:00 p.m.
Christ Chapel Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
17th - P.P.G.C.C. Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
19th - Dignity Book Discussion "Love", 7:00 p.m.
Christ Chapel Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
21st - Imperial Court Black and White Ball
Falcon Inn, in Monument, 6:00 p.m.
Dice Girls on Tour at the Hide & Seek.
26th - Dignity Mass with Fr. Ron, 7:00 p.m.
Christ Chapel Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
29th - Imperial Courts Gay Night at Iron Springs Chateau
6:00 p.m. Tickets from Tracy Diane, Dwayne Thompson
or Cher Pennington before March 21st.

HELPLINE WILL NOT GO UNANSWERED

At the last P.P.G.C.C. Board Meeting on February 17, 1987, it was decided that because of the Center's financial status it can no longer continue to exist in it's present location.

The decision was inevitable. Each month the Center's expenditures have exceeded its income, forcing the Center's savings account to be the only safeguard. Therefore, in order to keep the most valuable link in the chain that binds us as a community, The Board members elected to give up its lease so that the helpline would continue to ring.

On March 2, 1987 P.P.G.C.C. and the Helpline office will move to its new location at 512 West Colorado Ave. the space was offered by Mr. Joe Brady, president of the P.P.G.C.C. Board and owner of the Hide and Seek.

As Coordinator of the Helpline, let me assure you that the line is still open and receiving many calls. The volunteer staff continues to put forth both time and effort, plus a dedication and desire to be present to the needs of callers. We have accomplished updating the reference files and reorganizing the library. Also in the last month

we have had invitations to send speakers to the Colorado Springs School to discuss with secondary and high school students some of the issues pertaining to the Gay life style. Other invitations from U.C.C.S. and the Air Force Academy have presented us with topics reguarding minority groups and socialization. I see these invitations as another step forward in bridging the turbulence toward understanding, sensitivity and acknowledgment that often sever us from the greater truth and nature of the entire gift of being human and individual. Through these speaking invitations we are afforded the opportunity to present ourselves as representative of the Gay Community, in a manner through which others may see and know us as productive, responsible beings concerned with the same issues; not having to defend, but rather to share our personhood in order to build upon life with a attitude of Joy and restoration of each other.

I encourage you to use the Helpline and to support your community through the activities offered. The policy and goal of the Helpline is to be present to you as an individual. Give us a call at 471-4GAY. Thank You, Laura Hughes, Helpline Coordinator.

DOING OUR SHARE

With the opening of Lambda House we are seeing a special need being met in a very special way. We the community can do our share by donating to the cause at hand. Lambda House is in need of twin beds, linens, bed spreads, dressers, small table lamps and a microwave oven capable of servicing 11 people daily. The facility is privately run and can always use donations of food and or time for client care and support. If you can help please contact Lambda House at: 635-7671.

P.P.G.C.C. SUPPORT GROUPS

"Count Me In" - Wednesdays, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. For women and men 30 and over.
Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meets on request.
Speakers Bureau - Call the Helpline
Step One - Not meeting until June.

OTHER

Christ Chapel - Sundays, 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m., 610 E. Willamette (the Counterpoint Bldg.)
Metropolitan Community Church - Sundays, 5:00 p.m., 730 N. Tejon.
Professional Social Network - 1st and 3rd Mondays, Call Helpline for information.
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous - Mondays and Fridays, 8:00 p.m., Call the Helpline for information.
Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic - 510 N. Foote. Nominal fee, information confidential, minors examined without parents consent. Phone 636-0147.

AIDS INFORMATION LINE

WHO? Southern Colorado AIDS Project (S-CAP)
WHAT? AIDS Information Line
WHERE? 578-9092
WHEN? Starting Monday, February 2nd, 1987. Operators on duty weeknights, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
WHY? To answer questions about AIDS and to make referrals as needed.
HOW? With trained community volunteers willing to work two three-hour shifts and attend one meeting per month.

LAMBDA HOUSE - AN AIDS RESIDENCY HOME

LOCATION: In an older, westside Colorado Springs neighborhood.
MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 10069, Colorado Springs 80932
PHONE NUMBERS: Location 473-8928 OFFICE: 635-7671
STAFF COUNSELOR: Brad Reynolds
CHAIR: Joe Brady
CO-CHAIR: Tom Gehling

SERVICES OFFERED:

1) Housing for AIDS victims who are not bedridden or require medical supervision, at no cost to resident. Lambda House is open to both men and women, gays and heterosexuals, and to victims from anywhere in the country.
2) Food, in most part, is furnished by Lambda House. Resident may need to supplement their food need.
3) Transportation to and from appointments, and also reasonable leisure times.
4) Counseling on will-planning and final arrangements.
5) On-call medical, dental, therapy and other professional services.
6) Buddy systems.
7) Support Group services.
8) Environment is of home-type, not institutional.
9) Referrals to other services.

FUNDING: Is by private donations. Donations are welcomed, confidential, and appreciated.
CAPACITY: Presently four. When second Lambda House is opened up, capacity will be twelve.
CONFIDENTIALITY: Total Confidentiality provided.
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: That they be a person with AIDS, (Preferably in need of some type of financial assistance), although Lambda House will also be open to those with aids desiring the type of environment Lambda House provides.

CHRIST CHAPEL

A newly formed Christian church for the gay & lesbian community began Sunday, Feb. 1st under the pastorate of Roger Webb and staff Ruby Miller.

Christ Chapel provides worship both at 10:30 am and 7:00 pm every Sunday at 610 E. Willamette, the Counterpoint Building a Bible Study on the Last week of Christ is held Thursdays.

As part of its outreach, Christ Chapel gives 10% of all its monies to the Lambda House and weekly takes up a food offering.

If you have further questions please call Roger Webb at 635-7917, ext. 720. He asks if you can bring 2 or more non-perishable food items, to help them stock the Lambda house food pantry, when joining them in worship.

DIGNITY

As well as their scheduled Masses, Dignity is reading and discussing the book "Love" by Leo Buscalia. This should be an informative and uplifting series of discussions and all are invited to attend. If interested contact Cher at 593-9606.

PIKES PEAK METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

As of January 23rd, Pikes Peak M.C.C. is working with a newly elected Board of Directors and has activated it's pastoral search with a committee of approximately 20 congregational members.

Along with P.G.I.F. and Wednesday Bible Study, a monthly "Social" has been instituted and thus far been quite successful. As with all functions...you need not be a member to attend.

PIKE'S PEAK MCC

GOD LOVES GAYS ALSO!
John 3:16
SERVICES: Sunday 5pm

(303) 634-3771
730 N. TEJON • COLORADO SPRINGS

PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER

P.P.G.C.C. President Dan Craig has resigned and Vice President Joe Brady has stepped up to accept the position. The Center is planning and executing several fundraisers in hopes of improving and stabilizing our present financial status. At present we are holding a Lottery Ticket raffle and you can buy three chances at 500 lottery tickets for only $1.00. Please call the helpline or contact a P.P.G.C.C. member for more info.

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CHRIST CHAPEL

WORSHIP
610 E. Willamette
(Counterpoint Bldg.)
Sunday 10:30 AM

Mailing Address
P.O. Box 2481
Colorado Springs,
CO 80901

635-7917
EXT. 720

Pastor: Roger Webb

Staff: Ruby Miller

DICE GIRLS On Tour!

STARRING

Lauren Grey

"Starlight"
"Irresistible Love"
"Saturday Night"
"Putting The Night On Hold"

with

LEAH LANDIS

"Boys"
"She Doesn't Like It From Behind"

Two BIG Shows
March 21st
Saturday

Performing Together

THE HIDE & SEEK COMPLEX

Amaze Productions

PRIVACY PROJECT GETS COMMITMENTS FROM NATIONAL GROUPS

NGLTF

The Privacy Project of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in January consolidated the support of several leading national organizations for sodomy law reform, and began organizing for decriminalization with several state and local gay rights organizations.

At a January 15th strategy meeting convened by NGLTF, representatives of feminist, political, and religious organizations pledged their help in obtaining the repeal of laws criminalizing gay sexuality. After reviewing the efforts underway in nearly a dozen states, the working group targetted the repeal effort in Minnesota as the first local arena on which it would focus.

PRIDE INSTITUTE PLACES FIRST GAY AD IN STRAIGHT CONSUMER MAGAZINE

Pride Institute, the leading innovators in the treatment of alcoholism and drug addiction in the gay community, has established another first; a gay-oriented advertisement in a major consumer magazine.

Pride placed the first-ever advertisement for a gay business in the February issue of MS. MAGAZINE, which appeared on news stands January 22.

Pride's message challenges the lesbian community, "How can you bring your drinking out of the closet when your still in it?" Therapy at Pride stresses the importance of accepting your sexuality in the steps to recovery from chemical dependency.

THIRD DESERT STATES LESBIAN AND GAY CONFERENCE

April 10 - 12, 1987, La Posada Hotel
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Why a Conference?

For the Southwest, the Desert States Lesbian and Gay Conference is a chance to develop local and regional approaches to the special conditions found in the five states of Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Arizona. Extensive isolation for rural gay and lesbian people, the beliefs of elected officials that they have no gay constituents, and the juxtaposition of several cultures and social systems contribute to the unique environment of the Southwest. Declining to rely solely on the experience and solutions of large

cities or the East and West coasts, leaders in the Southwest seek to develop their own ideas. This kind of grassroots involvement strengthens the voices of equality and self-acceptance, enabling them to blend with the Southwest's age-old respect for the individual and sense of fair play.

For More Information, or For A Registration Form, Write: TDSLGC, P.O. Box 26836, Albuquerque, NM 87125 or call (505) 266-8041 (7-10 pm nightly)

JEWISH LESBIAN DAUGHTERS OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

The next gathering will be held in the Boston area, during the weekend of March 27th. We meet for support & networking and welcome contact from other Jewish Lesbian Daughters of Holocaust Survivors. Now, a partners group has also been formed for women who are in relationship with JLDHS. Membership is not dependent on both partners. For information, write Box 6194, Boston, MA 02114 or call (617) 321-4254.

"BARRIERS TO ACHIEVEMENT"

As part of a continuing series, National Organization of Gay and Lesbian Scientists and Technical Professionals (NOGLSTP) publishes the educational pamphlet "Barriers to Achievement." The pamphlet discusses employment discrimination suffered by gay and lesbian scientists and engineers, with emphasis on security clearances. Other topics include economic costs, immigration, hiring practices, security agencies, the military, and private contractors. The pamphlet reviews over a dozen cases of security clearance discrimination involving gay men and lesbians. It also contains a bibliography for reference.

For more information: Joseph Schreiner, NOGLSTP President, P.O. Box 14138, Chicago, IL 60614.

A copy of "Barriers to Achievement" is also available at the Community Center.

NGLTF TAKES POSITION AGAINST MANDATORY HTLV III TESTING

The Centers for Disease Control are prepared to recommend that, as part of an AIDS prevention program, there be mandatory HIV antibody testing for all hospital admissions and those seeking marriage licenses. The stated purpose of the testing program is to identify those who have been infected with HIV so they may be counseled about risk reduction. These proposals are to be discussed at a February 24-25 consensus conference in Atlanta.

We oppose mandatory, involuntary testing. We support voluntary testing programs that allow for the ready availability of HiV tests with appropriate counseling and safeguards for confidentiality (preferably anonymity). The experience of the gay community--the only group where significant prevention and risk reduction programs have taken place--demonstrates that education and counseling, not testing, are critical to changing behavior. Not everyone needs or desires to know his/her antibody status. No one should be forced into that position, particularly given the potentially severe social, legal, and economic ramifications of testing.

PRESIDENT'S BUDGET CALLS FOR AIDS FUNDING INCREASES; TASK FORCE TERMS FUNDING LEVELS "STILL INADEQUATE"

President Reagan's fiscal year 1988 budget, released this week, calls for a $118 million increase in AIDS funding over Fiscal 1987. AIDS was one of the few non-defense programs slated for increase by the Reagan Administration. Under the proposed budget, AIDS research and prevention would be increased from $436 million in the current fiscal year to $534 million next year.

"In the current budget climate, the fact that the Administration requested an increase reflects a recognition--belated and inadequate as it may be-- of the magnitude of the AIDS crisis," commented Jeff Levi, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "However," Levi continued, "this request still falls dramatically short of the funds need, particularly in the area of prevention."

ACTIVISTS CALL FOR NATIONAL AIDS MEMORIAL

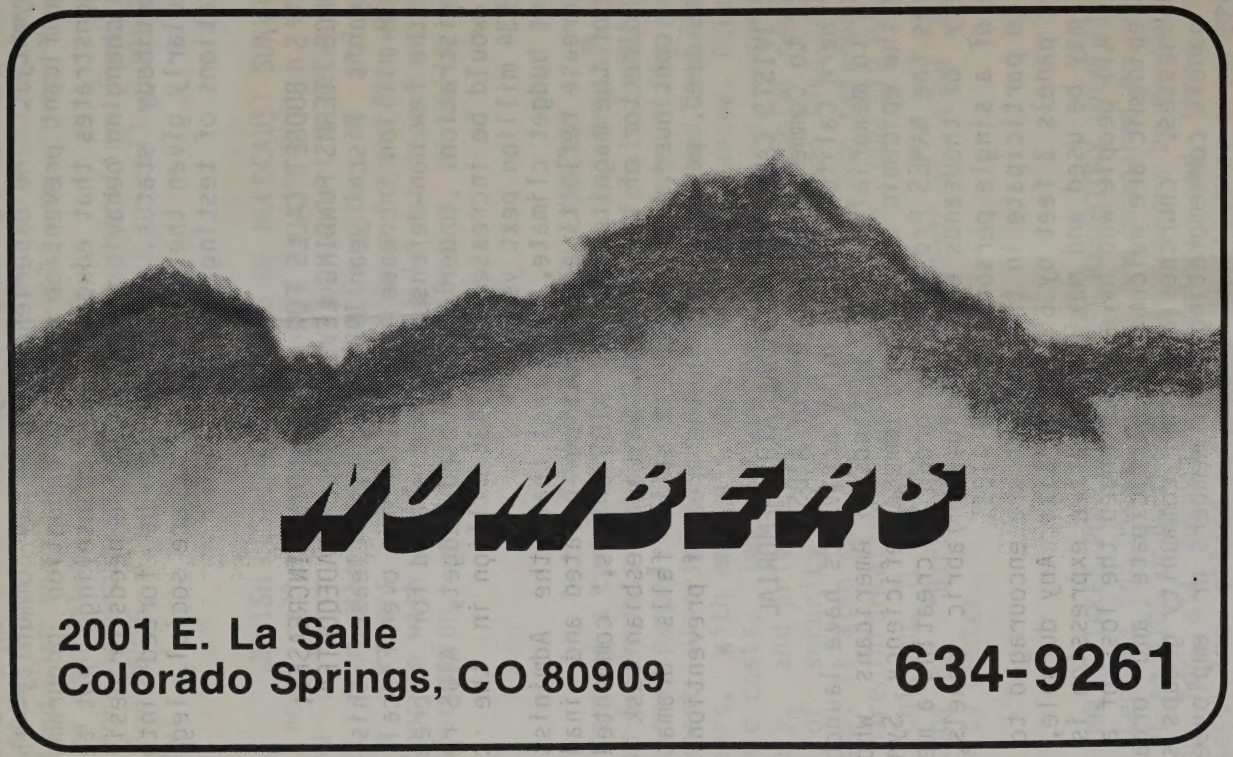
Massive "Quilt" to Commemorate Victims of AIDS

A group of Northern California community activists have launched an ambitious effort to memorialize the thousands of Americans who have been killed by the epidemic of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. Calling themselves the NAMES Project, the group is creating a memorial composed entirely of thousands of individual fabric panels, each bearing the name of a single person lost to AIDS.

Those wishing to participate in the project are encouraged to design and create fabric panels 3 feet by 6 feet in size. Any durable, lightweight material may be used and maximum creative expression is urged in composition. All people who have experienced the loss of a loved one to the AIDS epidemic are welcomed to participate and organizers suggest that businesses, churches and other community groups sponsor construction of panels commemorating their members or employees who have died of AIDS.

Tax-deductible contributions may be sent to: The NAMES Project, P.O. Box 14573, San Francisco California 94114.

For more information, write to the above address or telephone the project at (415) 626-5725.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